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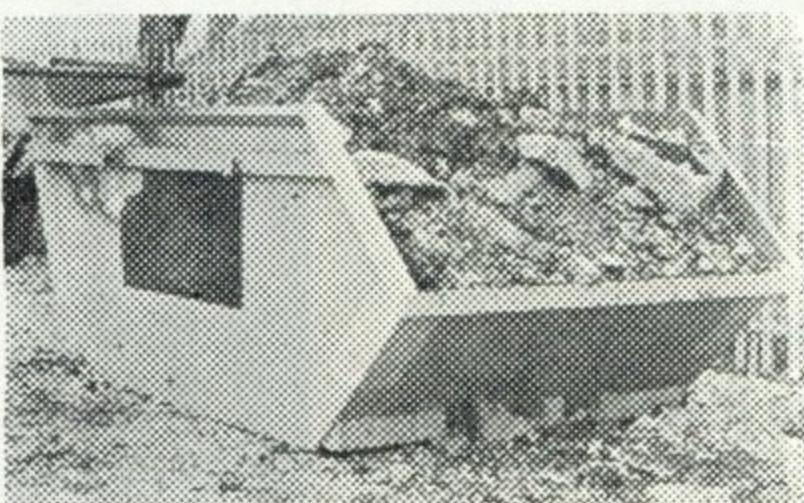
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Next week, Football League club directors meet in London to discuss and decide whether to accept the proposals the Football League Management Committee are offering as a settlement of negotiations between themselves and the Professional Players Association.

The debate will be interesting if for no other reason than you have a situation where those who have been freely elected by the football clubs to administer their affairs are also expected to protect their own clubs' interests at the same time.

This can be a difficult job when conducting negotiations which in the end result in placing extra financial difficulties in the laps of the clubs themselves.

The Management Committee will ask the clubs to support their proposals, which will cost the Clubs a lot of money in the end.

This state of affairs is not unknown to the companies and public organisations who are in constant discussion with the people who produce the goods.

Usually the bosses, when faced with increased wage demands etc., have the thought that they can pass the increase cost of production on to the buyer.

This in turn creates the spiral of rising wages and rising prices to meet the increased cost of living, until there is no health in us.

Much the same attitude can be adopted by the clubs. Increased burden of extra money for the players can be passed to the spectator in the form of increased admission charges.

It is inevitable that clubs will give much thought to the question of whether or not to put up admission prices and it would seem that there will be little alternative.

Football still figures as the cheapest



of entertainments I believe, so there is a little room for manoeuvre here.

This opinion will not be shared by all but I do hold the view, now as always, that the activities of a football club on and off the field is of every day interest and common to those millions of people interested in the game and their local teams. And all for as little as five bob.

That, however, is another of the knotty football subjects that can be heatedly argued. The fact is that football is no different from other industries in the labour relationship between employer and employee.

The worker wants more money, negotiates with the guv'nors for it, gets a lot of what he has asked for and the guv'nor is then left with the problem of raising the extra money for the increases.

Next week's debate will be very interesting.

A recent letter to the local press deplored the fact that the special buses to the Stadium had been discontinued and supporters were prevented from getting to our matches writes **ERIC GODFREY**

This problem is not insurmountable if we can obtain the services and co-operation of a few public-spirited supporters who would like to help themselves and the Football Club.

Supporters may remember that a few years ago, when we had matches at the Stadium on a Christmas Day morning, the Supporters' Club arranged transport at stipulated picking-up points around the local districts and at various points in the city.

What we require is for members of the Supporters' Club to arrange their own collection points so that their own party can meet the coach at a stipulated time for conveyance to and from the Stadium.

We have in mind groups from offices or factories, supporting their own individual organiser.

We must, of course, have guarantees from parties of 40 or more people because of the financial arrangements which we shall have to negotiate.

Anyone interested should contact

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Perhaps it is unwise of me to still write notes on the subject of promotion, as it would appear that I have not yet learnt my lesson from our last home match against Brighton & Hove Albion.

You may remember that on that day I outlined some of the benefits that I thought would be obtained from promotion.

Having suffered the disappointment of that defeat, it would appear foolish to still talk of promotion.

But what is the difference between a team gaining promotion and one who just misses it? If we take a look at the Division III League table, the goals for and against columns read:—

	Pl'd	G's/F	A	Pts.	P'tn
Luton	28	51	26	38	1st
Orient	29	40	23	38	2nd
Brighton	30	34	26	37	3rd
Rovers	29	48	38	33	10th

From this table it becomes apparent that whilst Rovers are scoring sufficient goals to gain promotion, we are obviously conceding too many to make it a reality.

But if you look more closely, you will see that after 29 games played,

by **Mike Skinner**
(Development Association
Organiser)

the difference in the goals against column between the Rovers and the present leaders is 12 goals. This is less than half-a-goal per match.

When watching this evening's game, look for the coat of paint, last-ditch tackle, fingertip save and debateable decision that could have changed the result, whatever it may be.

These are the things that make up "the luck" that every team must have if it is to win promotion.

At the end of the season, it is the fractions-of-an-inch which can make all the difference between promotion and a mid-table position.

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v Reading
v Mansfield
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AWAY

Rovers v Southport
v Stockport C.
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Carl Gilbert meets a Ray Graydon free-kick in a packed goalmouth. But his header went over the top.



Tony Ford leaps in with a vollied clearance, watched by co-defenders Alex Munro and Gordon Marsland.

:Defending

Luton photocall . . .

••• season 1969/70



Back row: Morris Stevenson, Fred Jardine, Graham French, Mike Keen, Keith Allen, Peter Phillips. Centre: John Ryan, Alan Guild, Neil Rioch (now with Villa), Sandy Davie, Tony Read, Max Dougan, Terry Branston, Robin Wainwright. Front row: Brian Lewis, Alan Slough, John Moore, Jackie Bannister, Mike Harrison, Bruce Rioch (now Villa), Laurie Sheffield (now Doncaster).
—picture by courtesy of Home Counties Newspapers.

Today's teams and officials

ROVERS

(BLUE & WHITE)

Dick SHEPPARD	1	Sandy DAVIE
Tony FORD	2	John RYAN
Alex MUNRO	3	Jack BANNISTER
Phil ROBERTS	4	Mike KEEN
Stuart TAYLOR	5	Chris NICHOLL
Bryn JONES	6	Alan SLOUGH
Ray GRAYDON	7	John COLLINS
Wayne JONES	8	Malcolm MACDONALD
Bobby JONES	9	Matt TEES
Carl GILBERT	10	John MOORE
Peter HIGGINS	11	Graham FRENCH

Substitute

Harold JARMAN

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MR. A. W. S. JONES
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v.

Substitute
Keith ALLEN

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Alex Stock is aiming for repeat of Q.P.R. success

● Luton Town roared back into form on Saturday with a 4—0 home win over Doncaster Rovers to reclaim the leadership from Orient on goal average and convince any doubters that they are not a team on the slide. Their visit brings manager Alex Stock back to the West Country—the man planning to repeat his brilliant Q.P.R. success with Luton.

SANDY DAVIE

(Goalkeeper) Former Scottish under 23 goalkeeper, for whom Luton paid an £8,000 fee a year ago last October.

JOHN RYAN

(Right-back) Close-season signing from Fulham who gave him a free transfer despite the fact that he appeared 45 times in their League side in the two previous seasons. Started his career with Tonbridge and moved to Arsenal for a spell.

MALCOLM MACDONALD

(Utility) Another former Fulham player for whom manager Stock paid £17,500, a stiff fee for a 19-year-old. Another product of the Tonbridge Club.

MIKE KEEN

(Wing-half) An £18,500 signing from manager Stock's former club, Q.P.R. with whom he spent 10 seasons, captaining them in their meteoric rise from Division III to Division I and did not miss a match in the process.

ALAN SLOUGH

(Half-back) Luton's most valuable asset now that Bruce Rioch has gone to Aston Villa, but he means to stay with his home town club. Worried by rumours that he might be transferred, he asked for a long term contract and has now signed for six years.

JACK BANNISTER

(Defender) Used mostly at left-back

after his arrival last October from Crystal Palace for an £8,000 fee. Played in over 100 League games for the Palace and saw previous service with West Bromwich and Scunthorpe.

GRAHAM FRENCH

(Winger) When he was the star of England's Youth team whilst on the books of Shrewsbury, he was much sought after by the bigger clubs. However, he went to Swindon and then to Watford. His next appearance was with Southern Leaguers, Wellington Town, from whom Luton bought him for £5,000.

KEITH ALLEN

(Forward) Filled a variety of positions for Luton and is equally at home either as a midfield link or a striker. Became a professional with Portsmouth and then reached Stockport via Grimsby. Luton signed him in exchange for former England centre-forward Derek Kevan.

CHRIS NICHOLL

(Centre-half) Signed from Halifax Town for £35,000 earlier this season. Made his home debut against Rovers in September.

MATT TEES

(Forward) A Scot who joined Luton in the same week as Nicholl from Charlton for £20,000. Formerly with Grimsby Town.

JOHN COLLINS

(Forward) Another of manager Stock's signings this season. A Londoner, he was transferred from Reading for £11,000. Previously with Oldham.

JOHN MOORE

(Midfield) A Scot signed from Motherwell. Now in his fourth season at Kenilworth Road.

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	To Date		1969-70	
	Aps.	Gls.	Aps.	Gls.
BARNEY	34(1)	3	1	—
BROWN	23(2)	4	1(2)	—
FORD	8	—	8	—
GILBERT	7	3	7	3
GRAYDON	91(2)	20	29	10
HIGGINS	4	—	2	—
JARMAN	416(3)	118	28	10
JONES (B)	10(2)	—	10(2)	—
JONES (R)	407(2)	100	30(2)	9
JONES (W)	128(2)	17	25(1)	3
MARSLAND	17	1	17	1
MUNRO	163(10)	10	24(1)	—
PARSONS	110(6)	—	16(3)	—
PETTS	101(5)	5	2(1)	—
PRINCE	33	2	22	1
ROBERTS	23(1)	—	23(1)	—
SHEPPARD	25	—	25	—
STANTON	54(2)	1	15(1)	—
STUBBS	28	12	28	12
TAYLOR (L)	107	—	7	—
TAYLOR (S)	157	12	32	1

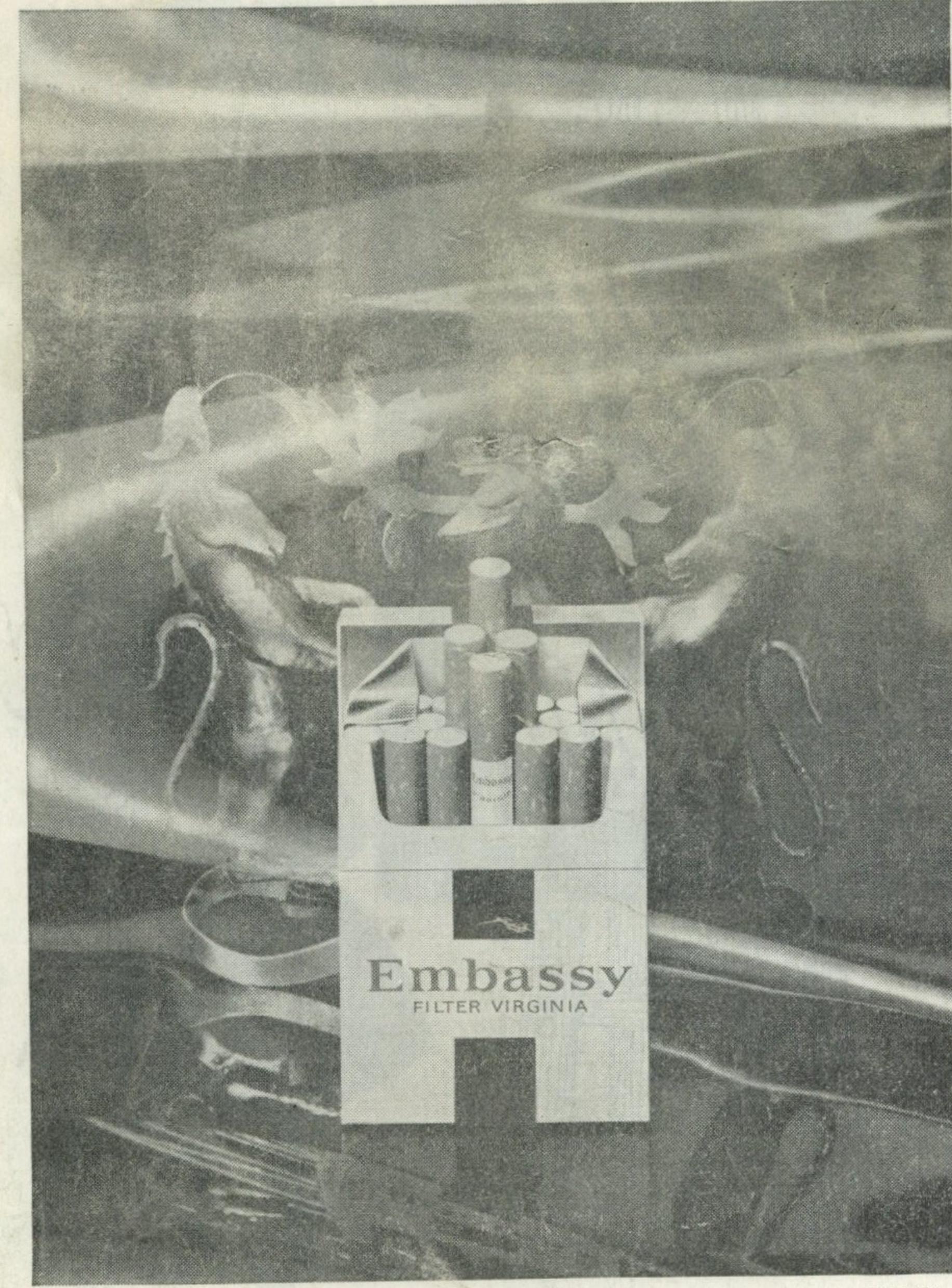
(Figures in brackets indicate appearances as substitutes).

DIVISION III

	Home						Away					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton	28	8	5	2	30	11	7	3	3	21	15	38
Orient	29	10	3	1	23	6	4	7	4	17	17	38
Brighton	30	9	4	2	22	12	6	3	6	12	14	37
Reading	30	10	2	2	25	17	5	5	6	29	32	37
Barnsley	29	10	2	2	30	16	3	8	4	16	17	36
Rochdale	30	8	3	3	25	15	7	2	7	27	24	35
Rotherham	31	6	6	4	26	14	5	6	4	18	17	34
Torquay	30	6	7	3	24	14	5	5	5	4	20	21
Bradford	29	10	2	2	26	9	4	3	8	15	22	33
ROVERS	29	8	4	2	32	19	3	7	5	16	19	33
Halifax	28	8	5	2	23	17	4	3	6	8	12	32
Fulham	30	6	8	1	25	19	4	3	8	24	22	31
Doncaster	30	8	2	5	21	13	4	4	7	16	22	30
Shrewsbury	30	6	9	1	21	12	3	3	8	18	27	30
Mansfield	27	7	2	4	21	14	4	3	7	12	17	27
Bury	30	10	1	4	35	18	1	4	10	22	39	27
Plymouth	29	8	2	5	20	13	3	3	8	14	24	27
Brnemth	31	5	6	4	19	19	3	4	9	14	32	26
Walsall	27	7	1	6	20	22	3	4	6	11	20	25
Southprt	28	4	4	5	17	15	3	4	8	14	21	22
Tranmere	27	5	3	5	22	21	2	4	8	12	33	21
Stockport	31	3	6	7	12	19	1	3	11	5	25	17
Gillingham	27	3	3	8	17	24	2	2	9	10	21	15
Barrow	30	3	6	6	14	20	0	3	12	8	37	15

YOUR COMPLETE ROVERS FIXTURE GUIDE FOR 1969-70

THIRD DIVISION		
Date	Opponents	Result
1969		
Aug. 9	Southport	A 0-0
" 13	Bournemouth	H 2-0
" 16	Barnsley	A 5-1
" 23	Reading	H 3-1
" 26	Plymouth A.	A 2-0
" 30	Halifax Town	H 2-0
Sept.		
6	Luton Town	A 0-4
" 13	Fulham	H 3-2
" 17	Gillingham	A 1-1
" 20	Mansfield Town	A 3-3
" 27	Rochdale	H 3-0
" 30	Tranmere Rov.	H 3-0
Oct.		
4	Brighton	A 3-0
" 7	Barnsley	A 0-2
" 11	Rotherham	H 3-0
" 13	Dallas Tornado	H 4-0
" 18	Bury	H 2-1
" 25	Bournemouth	A 2-2
Nov.		
1	Shrewsbury	H 1-3
" 8	Doncaster Rov.	A 1-3
" 15	Telford Utd.	A 3-0
" (F.A. Cup 1)		
" 22	Bradford City	H 1-1
" 24	Stockport C.	A 1-0
" 29	Barrow	A 1-1
Dec.		
6	Aldershot	A 1-3
" (F.A. Cup 2)		
" 13	Fulham	A 1-3
" 26	Reading	H 1-1
" 27	Halifax Town	A 1-1
1970		
Jan.		
10	Mansfield T.	H 4-1
"	17-Rochdale	A 0-0
"	24-Torquay U. (4)	H 3-1
"	31-Brighton	H 0-2
Feb.		
7	Rotherham (5)	A 0-0
"	10-Luton	H 0-0
"	14-Southport	H 0-0
"	17-Tranmere	A 1-0
"	21-Bournemouth (6)	H 0-0
"	28-Bury	A 0-0
Mar.		
3	Walsall	H 1-1
"	7-Bradford City	A 1-1
"	(League Cup F.)	A 1-1
"	9-Orient	H 1-1
"	14-Barrow (S.F.)	H 1-1
"	18-Torquay Utd.	A 1-1
"	21-Walsall	A 1-1
"	28-Orient	H 1-1
"	30-Shrewsbury T.	A 1-1
"	31-Doncaster Rov.	H 1-1
Apr.		
2	Aldershot	A 3-0
"	7-Stockport C.	A 1-1
"	11-F.A. Cup Final	H 1-1
"	14-Gillingham	H 1-1
Gloucestershire		
COUNTY LEAGUE		
Aug.		
23	Brimscombe	A 3-1
Sept.		
6	Bristol St. George	H 1-7
"	13-Yate Y.M.C.A.	A 1-1
"	20-Cadbury Heath	A 1-2
"	27-Old Patchwegians	H 2-2
Oct.		
4	Stapleton (Snr. Am. Cup—1)	H 2-2
"	4-Stapleton (Snr. Am. Cup—1)	H 2-2
FOOTBALL COMBINATION		
Aug.		
9	Arsenal	H 1-0
"	16-Q.P.R.	A 2-2
"	23-West Ham	H 1-2
"	30-Leicester	A 1-4
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